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For MANIPULATION OF ASCORBIC ACID LEVELS IN PLANTS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.111 and
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Attached is an information disclosure statement which provides copies of
1) Bush et al., "Formation of tobacco specific nitrosamines in air-cured tobacco",
55th Tobacco Science Research Conference-Recent Advances in Tobacco Science
27:32,33,44,45 (2001)

2) Rundloff et al., "Potential Nitric Scavengers as Inhibitors of the Formation of
N-Nitrosamines in Solution and Tobacco Matrix Systems", *J. Agric. Food. Chem.*
48(9) 4381-4388 (2000).

A PTO Form 1449 is attached. Both references are discussed in this response.
The commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041
(Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook) for entry and consideration of these
references.

In response to an Office Action mailed December 11, 2007, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 2 of this paper

Listing of the Claims: begins on page 4

Remarks: The remarks section begins on page 5